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GOVERNMENT, PARTY DIFFERENCES CHARGED -- Makedhonia, No 12702, 30 Apr 50

Athens, 29 April -- According to reliable sources, strong differences have arisen between the members of Hoxha's government and the Central Committee of the Albanian Communist Party, in regard to the Albanian government's policy toward the USSR.

Four ministers were dismissed because they expressed doubt as to the advisability of continuing the government's present policy toward the USSR. The ministers maintained that the USSR was using Albania as a colony and was draining its economy, and in return sending Albania a minimum of goods and worn-out useless machinery.

Popular opposition to the Russians is increasing daily in Albania. Many Albanian labor leaders are asking the Russians in Tirana to suggest to Moscow the granting of positive reinforcements, for fear that the Albanian status quo will collapse from the economic impasse, which is favorable for the development of a guerrilla movement in the northern parts of the country.

The Soviet mission in Albania characterizes these suggestions by the labor leaders as "Titoistic" and has requested the Central Committee of the Albanian Communist Party to conduct an investigation for an extensive purge of Communist Party leaders.

An interesting manifestation of Soviet intervention is the recent declaration by the Soviet Minister in Tirana: "The USSR has provided the Albanian Army with all means necessary to strike at local opposition, without requiring direct Soviet support of the Albanian Army."

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ACCUSED OF PRO-TITO ACTIVITIES -- Makedhonia, No 12700, 28 Apr 50

Ioannina, 27 April -- According to information from Albania, the trial of a new group of "spies and saboteurs" begins at 1200 tomorrow at the "14 November" Hall in Tirana.

The group consists of Dreidi Deda, Ashbi Cara, Liuft Rubai, Todor Koro-vesi, Muharem Liabetsiu, and Arif Dida. They are accused of acting against the Albanian People's republic and of conducting espionage and sabotage for Tito. President of the court martial is Col Siuraip Malliarubi.

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